

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF October 11, 2021

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on October 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

Mark Mathews, Commissioner

Bryce Somsen, Commissioner

Marty McCullough, Commissioner

Denise Horsley, Clerk

Jill Stoor, Deputy Clerk

Kim Spencer, Road & Bridge

Adam Maybe, Sheriff

Aaron Cook, Assessor

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control

Rick Mason, Grouse Creek Subdivision

Judge Mitch Brown

JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning

Ryan Olsend

Chad Gentry, Simplot

Ralieg Scott, IDFG

Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS

Alley Schwulst, GIS

Craig Shuler

Meloney Rasmussen

David W Pristupa

The meeting opened with Mark Mathews giving the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- The Trail Canyon project is done; the project used approximately 95 loads.
- Tomorrow they will be moving to the Blackfoot River Road. They will be spreading cinders over the dirt and work on filling in the bar pits from China Hat to the railroad track crossing with plans to scheduled repairs next summer. They will then move to the Conda Road with more fill. Kim suggested using any surplus funds from the state be earmarked for the Blackfoot River Road repairs.
- Split shifts will begin on November 8th. One crew will work Monday through Thursday and the other Tuesday through Friday, both working 10-hour shifts.
- Last years snow removal cost was \$1234 per mile. He will get an agreement prepared for Bonneville County's snow removal in the Grays Lake and Jackknife areas. Discussion was held on how far they would plow into Bonneville County and on turn-around areas for snowmobile parking.
- Angie Mendenhall requested some signage for the corrals up Ant Canyon. There have been multiple times that parked vehicles block the corrals from use.
- Commissioner Somsen attended transportation meetings and informed Kim that ITD will be taking bids in November for working on the stretch for Highway 34 between Bayer and Conda as well as Chubb Springs going north as far as funds permit.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- Eric reported on the current state of Covid patients in the county. We are averaging about 30 cases per week; the number of cases has not increased, but the number of hospitalizations has. The health department reports seemed very delayed to Eric. According to the CDC the peak will be in October and it is then anticipated to decrease.
- As discussed in the previous meeting, Eric presented a proposal for bonuses to the Emergency Services staff to be paid from the ARPA funds. He proposed that they be based on years of service and call volume; he suggested \$20 per year of service and \$13 per call for those calls in the last year and a half. At those rates, the totals would be approximately \$40,000 with the average bonus around \$1000. The board suggested that the bonus be set at a minimum of \$500. Eric will send more information and the matter will be tabled until the ARPA funds are received.

Eric also suggested that those funds could be used to upgrade equipment and buildings. If the funds are allowable, he would like to see upgrades to the cardiac monitors in the ambulances. The current equipment was purchased in 1997. He is also interested in help paying for gurney purchases. The board would like him to work on a list of equipment and costs that he would like to see prioritized.

- Discussion was held on policy for pay while employees are unable to work because of COVID. The original decision was to provide pay while employees are out with a positive test for themselves or family member.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene an executive session at 9:42 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Somsen suggested coming out of executive session at 9:52 a.m.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to grant employees up to 2-weeks paid leave with a positive Covid test provided and any extended paid leave will be on an individual basis with commissioner approval. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Angie Mendenhall, Treasurer:

- Angie spoke with the commissioners about the ARPA funds and asked for guidance on investing and tracking the interest earned. She would like to use local banks to invest, possibly staggering C.D.'s or investing in the state pool. The board advised investing in a secure place and keep it local if possible.

- Juneteenth was brought up as discussion for a federal holiday next year. Angie needs to print tax notices soon and she needs to know if the June 20th due date for taxes needs to be adjusted. With the holiday falling on a Sunday, it would potentially cause a problem if we are closed on the 20th and Angie is opposed to changing that date. The commissioners advised her to go ahead and print the due date as normal and they will grant an extension if the holiday is approved on next year's calendar.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control:

- The weed department is basically done with this year's work with the exception of a few grass seeding projects. Dwight reported that it has been a horrible year because of the wind and rain. He just finished up on the gravel pits and has turned in a report for the work done there. He did question the pits that were listed as Enoch Valley, and the north end of the Lanes Creek.
- Dwight requested a correction on his phone bill that has been coming from the incorrect budget. The commissioners assured him that it was not an issue and a correction will be made going forward.
- The commissioners requested that Dwight use the blade that is at his residence and work on the Lane's Creek Cutoff Road on the hill where the pot holes are becoming a problem. Dwight will also work on the road between the Kackley's corral and the 90-degree turn. Discussion was held on getting the batteries replaced; Dwight will take care of that when he brings it to town to have the V-blade put on.
- Commissioner confirmed with Dwight that he is willing to continue plowing the roads in Grays Lake including the Bonneville County portion. He also stated that he is interested in using carbide bits on the blade to see if they would last a bit longer.

Judge Brown, Executive Session:

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to go into an executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(j) at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Mathews suggested ending the executive session at 11:06 a.m. No decisions were made.

Chad Gentry, Simplot:

- Chad Gentry, Director of Mining for Simplot, met with the commissioner to request support from the board. They have a 390-acre parcel of land in Bannock County that is currently zoned agricultural

and would like their support in the process of changing that zoning to industrial. The board has previously supported a property exchange for the same property.

- Commissioner McCullough motioned to sign a letter of support to Bannock County for both the FLUM Change Application #FLUM-21-6 and Rezone Application #REZO-21-10. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

JoAnna Ashley, Blake Poulsen, Planning & Zoning:

- JoAnna and Blake met with the commissioners regarding the 2016 re-plat of the Grouse Creek Subdivision. Brian Olsen and Rick Mason were also in attendance to discuss the mitigation option in order to be allowed a building permit on the north side of Highway 34. There are several landowners as well as lots still retained by the original developers. They have been in touch with the Idaho Department of Water Resources and Blake was able to do a site visit with them as well. The county does not have a current flood map, but does have a portion of the county code regarding building in flood areas. Along with the landowners, they have come up with a plan and would like commissioner approval of that plan to allow for development right on the lots in question.
- Rick Mason presented his plan, using maps as visuals, to divert water from Grouse Creek around the property lines of his lot using ditches and swells, installing culvert pipes, bringing up the access road 8-inches, grading those ditches toward Tin Cup Creek, as well as building up the actual home site up approximately 2 ½ more feet. Most of the swells will follow property lines. Discussion was held on septic permits and the need for approval before building permits will be issued.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the issuance of building permits for Block 1 Lots 3,4,5,6, and 7, Block 2 and Lots 34 and 36 in Grouse Creek Subdivision after developer provides flood mitigation plans with completed work signed by the developer. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

City / County Meeting:

- No city officials were present so the City / County meeting was cancelled.

Ally Schwulst, GIS:

- Ally presented the Road Classification Map which purpose is for planning guidelines, land use and growth in Caribou County. The public hearing was posted for the County Maintenance Map and without that map being completed, no public hearing was convened. Ally is currently working on the County Maintenance Map and a public hearing will be held at a later time. Ally has worked with Kim Spencer and the Forest Service and will be meeting with BLM to complete the current project.

Raliegh Scott questioned the Neibaur Mountain Road off of Lund Road that provides access to Rindlisbaker Canyon. A portion is listed as private and his concern is always to safeguard access to public lands.

Craig Shuler also addressed the road by the Pioneer Cemetery off of Highway 34.

Discussion was also held on historic stock trail roads and if they should be included and access allowed.

JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:

- JoAnna presented a discussion after attending a DEQ training. It presented a problem with a current county code concerning septic systems. The county now allows building on a 2 ½ acre parcel if a nitrate reducing system is installed. After trainings, she has learned that it does not address groundwater as previously thought. The health department inspections verify septic systems only and does not verify groundwater. She presented slides from the DEQ explaining further.

Discussion was held on recent subdivisions and the installation of septic systems and wells. The failure rate on a nitrate system is found to be high with an average life of 10 years. A suggestion was made to amend the code and back away from the requirement to install nitrate system. Community systems could potentially be required on any lot under 5 acres. The new Highline View Subdivision would currently be required to install those systems on some lots. They considered the option of approving variances knowing that the code will be amended.

The commissioners determined to work as quickly as possible to get the code amended, but public hearings must be held in order to grant a variance. After a suggestion from Meloney Rasmussen, the commissioners decided that it would be allowable to get the septic permit approved with a nitrate system, and if the code is changed prior to installation, change the permits.

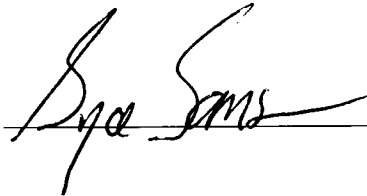
JoAnna will upload proposed changes to Municode for the commissioner and clerk's review.

Other:

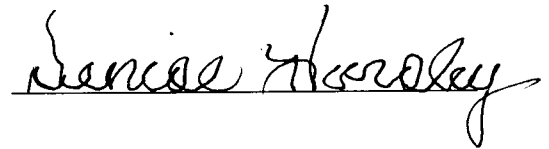
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to pay the claims for FY 2021 in the amount of \$311,960.31 and FY 2022 in the amount of \$1,079,546.15, payroll claims for FY 2022 in the amount of \$300,595.52, and to approve the minutes of September 27, 2021 as presented. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioners signed a county indigent lien for county application #2021-8 and signed a release of lien for county application #2021-7.

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to sign Resolution 2021-13 a resolution amending 2021-09 to clarify the tax collection year for solid waste fees. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner McCullough motioned to re-sign the completed Cooperative Agreement for University of Idaho Extension Programs. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to amend the contract with SICOG moving \$1800 from the Professional Design line item to the Construction line item. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on October 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman



Attested: Denise Horsley, County Clerk



CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 10/11/2021

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	Fire / Ambulance - COVID
9:45 AM	Angie Mendenhall	ARPA funds & Juneteenth
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:15 AM	Judge Brown	Executive Session 74-206(b)
10:30 AM	Blake Poulson / JoAnna Ashley	Grouse Creek Sub. - Flood remitigation plan / building rights
10:45 AM	Simplot	sign letter of support / approval
11:00 AM	City / County Meeting	
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM		
11:45 AM	Ally Schwulst, GIS - Public Hearing	County Road Map
Noon	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 PM		
1:15 PM	JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning	IDEQ Training
1:30 PM		Concerns raised for nitrate reducing & other matters
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

sign resolution 2021-13 (amends 2021-09)

commissioner signatures on county & state indigent liens

sign ICDBG contract ammendment

sign Cooperative Agreement for U of I Extention Programs

Anyone needing special assistance to attend the above noticed meeting should contact the Clerk's Office at (208)547-4324.

Approved Payment of Bills

11-Oct-21	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 46,046.73	
Indigent	\$ 11,214.39	
Road & Bridge	\$ 44,836.59	
Special Highway		
Justice	\$ 45,573.36	
Weed Control	\$ 407.00	
Solid Waste		
Reappraisal	\$ 1,656.87	
Health	\$ 271.47	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 4,947.32	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 15,406.00	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 949.62	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice		
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing	\$ 4,659.98	
PILT	\$ 4,000.00	
Water District		
Consolidated Election		
Landfill		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee		
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID	\$ 49,198.09	
Odyssey Court Payments		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 15,704.71	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust Fund	\$ 60.00	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 59,796.76	
911 Trust	\$ 6,857.87	
Public Safety Fund	\$ 373.55	
Sheriff's Vessel Fund		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
Remittances		
Grand Total	\$ 311,960.31	

Fiscal Year 2021

Approved Payment of Bills

	11-Oct-21	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense		\$ 6,765.04	
Indigent			
Road & Bridge		\$ 62,622.00	
Special Highway			
Justice		\$ 300.00	
Weed Control			
Solid Waste		\$ 992,302.61	
Reappraisal			
Health		\$ 16,796.50	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance		\$ 250.00	
Parks & Recreation		\$ 210.00	
Tort			
County Fair			
County Court Facility			
District Court			
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice			
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing			
PILT			
Water District			
Consolidated Election		\$ 300.00	
Landfill			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
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Auditor's Trust			
Adult Probation Fee			
Tax Deed Excess Funds			
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Concealed Weapon's Trust Fund			
Motor Vehicle Trust			
911 Trust			
Public Safety Fund			
Sheriff's Vessel Fund			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Vessel Account			
Remittances			
Grand Total		\$ 1,079,546.15	\$ 300,595.52

Fiscal Year 2022